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Newsletter of The Bonsai Society of Upstate New York



Min Hsuan Lo Special Visit To BSUNY

The month of June will be another special one for our members and bonsai enthusiasts. There will be **TWO meetings again this month**. The first will give members and guests the opportunity to learn from Mr. Min Hsuan Lo.

Min Hsuan Lo was born in 1956 in China. His family bonsai nursery was built by his father in 1947. As a child, Lo was at his father's side learning the art of bonsai. After graduating from the University of Tam Kang in Taiwan with a degree in Chinese literature, Lo returned home to work in the family bonsai business to develop his bonsai skills. He began teaching bonsai in Taiwan in 1992, and in 2001 he joined the Ken Kuo Technical University as a bonsai instructor. In 2004, he became the bonsai teacher at Pei Tou Community University. He was one of the founders of the **Taiwan Bonsai Creator Association** which was started in 1998, and became its Chairman in 2007-2008, and he is currently its Honorary Chairman. TBCA is the most active & powerful bonsai association in Taiwan. Every member must pass a rigorous bonsai competition. Currently TBCA has 134 professional bonsai artists.



Jabotica-Grand prize winner at TCBA 2008 by Lo

Lo has had a number of articles published in *BCI*, *International Bonsai*, *Bonsai Focus* and other international Bonsai magazines. He is famous for the so called "**Lo's Style**", with lots of vertical curves that appear in large old trees. This unique style was developed from a combination of collected old trees, along with the beauty line from the Chinese calligraphy and life philosophy of ancient Chinese philosophers. Min Hsuan Lo received the grand prize of the **JAL world bonsai** contest in 1999, and he has won countless other honors since then. He works with all bonsai sizes and species. He has traveled to many parts of the world for bonsai demonstrations, lectures, and workshops. Lo's new book (*Bonsai Journey*) is in our club's library and will also be available for sale at the meeting.

*You won't want to miss Lo's presentation!
Hope to see everyone there!*

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, June 7, 2011, 7:00 pm

Min Hsuan Lo Talk & Demo

Brighton Town Lodge at Buckland Park.
1341 Westfall Road, Rochester, New York.
Near corner of Westfall and South Clinton

2011 PROGRAMS

- **June 28:** Summer Picnic/Auction/ Sale
- **July 26:** Judy Fulmer Garden Tour
- **July 30-31:** Bus Trip & Garden Tours. **Hurry... few seats left!**
- **August 23:** Summer Workshop: Bring your own tree to work on.

BSUNY Summer Picnic/Auction/Sale Tuesday, June 28, 2011

At the Picnic the society will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs, coffee, tea and the usual soft drinks.

There will also be a "Sell or Swap Fair" and an Auction. Sign up to bring a dish to pass by e-mailing **Rick Marriot** at

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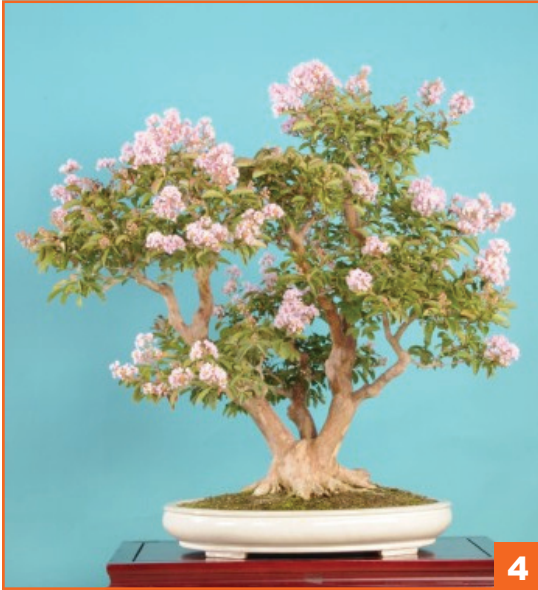
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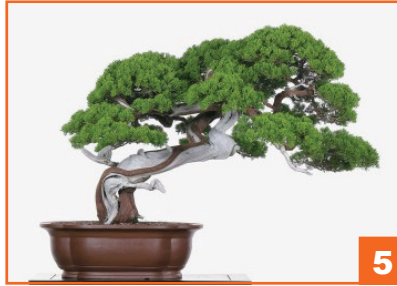
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1. Lo at work on a large Juniper bonsai.
2. Serissa in blossom
3. Early summer Pomegranate with marvelous flowers.
4. Crape Myrtle with summer flowers
5. Juniper from TBCA Exhibition 2008
6. Hackberry with Autumn colors



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April Highlights For Meeting #2

The second of our two meetings in April was another great one. Another bonsai master, **Kenji Miyata**, visited our meeting and presented an interesting talk and demo using an **American Needle Juniper**. He showed and explained pruning techniques, and the best ways to wire a large bonsai. Harvey Carapella and Doug McDade provided the help Kenji needed to complete the tree. Kenji answered lots of questions as he worked and talked to the 47 members attending. Twelve members also took advantage of the **Bring Your Own Tree workshop** that took place at the lodge in the afternoon prior to the evening meeting. Each person received individual attention and helpful information from Kenji about their tree. The **American Needle Juniper** bonsai that Kenji created was raffled off and won by Rick Marriott. The Society appreciates everyone who purchased tickets for the raffle.

Thank you Mr. Miyata for your interesting and informative program!



Afternoon Workshop:

1. Kenji helping Chuck Chada.
2. Bob Blankfield working on his tree.
3. Frank Fulmer doing some wiring.
4. Nick Montanaro asking Kenji a question.

Evening Demonstration:

5. Harvey Carapella holds tree as Kenji stands on table to make it easier to wire.
6. You can see here that lots of wire was used to shape this bonsai.
7. Rick Marriott, the winner of the demo tree raffle.
8. Tokyoko, Kenji's wife, Justin, and Kenji. Kenji presented one of his tools to Justin for being so engrossed in the demonstration.